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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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This International Searching Authority found multiple Inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-13

A separating material PRODUCABLE by - (a) providing a solid substrate, having amino-functional groups coupled to the substrate surface ; (b) covalently coupling of the amino-functional groups with a thermally labile radical initiator ; (c) contacting the substrate surface with a solution of polymerisable monomers under conditions, where thermally initiated graft copolymerisation of the monomers takes place, to form a structure of adjacent functional polymer chains on the surface of the substrate.

2. claims: 14-26

A method for the production of an independent / unspecified separating material as detailed in application claim 14.

3. claims: 27-28

The use for the extracorporeal treatment of blood, or blood plasma, or blood serum, or (for claim 27) the extracorporeal removal of endotoxins of septic patients, of a separating material of any of claims 1-13.

4. claim: 29

The use for affinity adsorption, or ion exchange adsorption, or hydrophobic adsorption, or hydrophilic adsorption, or affinity adsorption applications, of a separating material of any of claims 1-13.

5. claim: 30

A separating column product comprising beads of a separation material of any of claims 1-13 and whereby the beads are of a size and packing as detailed in application claim 30.

6. claim: 31

A separating cartridge product comprising a tube, multiple hollow fibre membranes, fitted tube ports, and membranes of certain pore size as detailed in application claim 31.

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